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Eviction of Children from Polavaram Project Area
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Polavaram Project Authority has evicted nearly 6000 children from Polavaram Dam without giving them any due financial relief and rehabilitation, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether tribals and farmers have demanded financial rehabilitation packages in their individual capacity for all children over the age of 6 years; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard and to safeguard the future of such children?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION

(Prof. SANWAR LAL JAT)

(a) 1317 children of 1539 Project Displaced Families (PDFs) in submergence villages of Polavaram Irrigation Project, AP have been shifted to Rehabilitation centers along with their parents. All the children of below 6 years age are being provided feeding and education through Anganwadi centers and the children of over 6 years are being provided education in Primary and High Schools.

(b) There is no such demand from the tribal's and farmers for financial rehabilitation packages for all the children over the age of 6 years in their individual capacity.

(c) As per Policy on R & R for Project Affected Families 2005, a "Family" includes a person, his or her spouse, minor sons, daughters, brothers or sisters; and other members residing with him and dependent on him for their livelihood. Hence the minor children of the shifted families are not entitled for financial rehabilitation package in their individual capacity. However, in Resettlement & Rehabilitation centers the children below 6 years age have been provided timely feeding and nursery education through Anganwadi centers and the children of above 6 years are being provided school education.

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